
Title: Elavain's Discovery Part I

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As an apprentice to Lord Raven, Elavain often found herself in his study reading the many arcane books and scrolls he had accumulated over the years. Of particular interest to her were the scrolls and research materials that Lord Raven had uncovered that eventually led to him perform the ritual to resurrect Fossergrim from his prison of torment in the afterlife. Those who know the story are aware that after his resurrection, Fossergrim was a different man than he was before. Once a good mage, he was now empowered with spells of Necromancy and had troubling visions.

While studying some historical documents, Elavain came across an error in translation that brought with it a grim realization. In resurrecting Fossergrim, Lord Raven had made a mistake. A slight change in the pronunciation of a critical incantation brought Fossergrim back into the body of a man. Elavain's careful review of historical documents indicated that in his previous life, Fossergrim had in fact been an elf!

Not feeling comfortable with confronting her

mentor with his mistake,
Elavain instead approached
Fossergrim himself...
though with a good
degree of caution. He
listened with polite
interest and at first,
seemed to dismiss her
findings. Days later, he
sought her out and told
her that he intended to
undertake the Human to
Elf quest. He admitted
that since her revelation,
he had been plagued by
strange visions... and quite
frankly admitted that
even if he hadn't really
been an elf before, some
change was needed as he
felt his life was of no
value since his
resurrection.

Elavain related her recent
experience in seeking the
arcane knowledge of
spellweaving and convinced
Fossergrim that he should
also undertake that quest
as well.

The quests were not so
easily undertaken. Upon
starting the Human to
Elf quest, Fossergrim
sought Bravehorn, and
when a Troll approached
he unleashed his usual
combination of spells. As
the chill from the
powerful Wither spell
dissipated he turned to
see that Bravehorn lay
dead on the ground
nearby! Luckily the
magical energies of the
lands soon brought the
stag back to life and he
bore no ill will towards
Fossergrim and allowed
him to lead him on to
the watering hole.

Later, Fossergrim sought
to solve the riddle of
Enigma only to find that
that odd creature was

located within an area
filled with evil spawn. It
seems that many parts
of the lands are now
overwhelmed with evil
these days. Fossgrim
enlisted the aid of
Avenhaar the Elf, one of
Lord Raven's
guildmembers. As she
peaced the evil spawn, he
was able to successfully
complete that part of
the quest... but more
peril lay ahead.

As a Dread Necromancer,
undertaking a journey to
Spirituality with all it's
Pixies, Unicorn and Ki'rin
would have been a
disaster, yet he needed
to speak to Arielle the
pixie to complete the last
part of the quest.
Avenhaar the Elf told him
of another location to
find Arielle, in the lands
of Feluccia. To limit his
time in these dangerous
lands Elavain went to
Spirituality to gather
baubels and upon returning
to Winterbreeze, opened a
red gate for him to
complete his quest.

Stepping thru the gate,
Fossgrim was
immediately attacked!
Were they murders,
seeking a cheap thrill...
no... this shrine was
under the spell of the
evil spawn as well.
Fossgrim passed into
ghostly form and
retreated thru the gate.
Fortunately, fearing for
the worst, he had put all
his earthly belongings into
a backpack and handed
them to Elavain before
stepping through the gate.
Elavain was not willing to
let the quest end at this
point and she bravely
stepped through the gate

and sought to confront
the evil spawn! However
they had moved away,
perhaps to attack another
victim. She stepped back
through the gate and
urged Fossergrim to find
Arielle quickly. He met
with success and then
they both returned to
the Lycaeum and watched
his wonderous
transformation into elven
form.

However... this was not
the end of the days
adventures, for they still
had to undertake the
quest for the arcane
magic of Spellweaving.

Elavain gave
encouragement to
Fossergrim as they made
their way from the Honor
Shrine in Ilshenar. She
told him of her ordeal
just the previous day and
how Lord Raven helped
her with the more
difficult parts of the
quest. However since they
knew exactly where to go
this time, she said it
would be much less
perilous. Fossergrim
nodded and prepared
himself for a fight as
they moved into the
Gargoyle mining camp.
After fighting many
Gargoyles and controllers
it began to seem that
there were no Exodus
Overseers around... but
then a Paragon came
floating into view. Elavain
and Fossergrim battled it
to their exhaustion and
eventually their death. It
was clear that a frontal
assault would not work on
this monstrous machine.

After resurrecting
themselves at a shrine,
they again attempted to

destroy the evil machine.
This time, each took
turns stepping through
the cave mouth and
casting spells. Elavain
cast Natures Fury and
Energy Vortexes, then
Fossergrim would step
through and cast Wither,
and other powerful spells
of Necromancy. In this
fashion the infernal
machine was eventually
defeated. However, they
had just begun to satisfy
the quota set by the
elves and Fossergrim set
about locating additional
Exodus Overseers...
battling Controllers and
Enslaved Gargoyles as well
he was near success when
another Paragon Overseer
appeared! Again, quick
death for Fossergrim but
this time Elavain was
ready to resurrect him
and they set about luring
the machine to the mouth
of the cave so they
could again defeat it.

Sometimes, the longest
battles are the most
rewarding. Elavain and
Fossergrim again showed
that brains defeat might
and as the machine
crashed to the ground
Fossergrim had a sense
of accomplishment... one
part of the quest was
complete. Surely the
tasks must become easier
from here?

As Elavain and Fossergrim
made their way through
the desert a Paragon
Efreet attacked and
Fossergrim fell quickly.
Elavain was able to use
her new powers to
eventually defeat the
magical genie but she had
to hide often to keep
herself alive. As
Fossergrim ran once again

to the shrine, she
scouted ahead and
encountered a Paragon
Fire Elemental. She
spurred her hourse into a
gallop, trying to outrun
the fiend. If she tried to
hide, the monster would
reveal her. The flame
from his body scortched
her skin and burnt her
hair. Finally she outran
the fiery monster and
met with Fossergrim.
Both moved cautiously to
avoid another encounter.

End: Part One of Two